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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Washington, DC 20515

Montana High School Art Teachers Re: Congressional Art Competition

Dear Art Educator,

In 1982, Members of Congress initiated an annual art competition entitled *An Artistic Discovery*. Every year since its inception, House Members have held locally judged competitions within their districts. The winning piece of art from each Congressional district is displayed in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading to the United States Capitol, for one year. This walkway is frequented by Members of Congress, staff and the general public as they enter the Capitol Building and thus provides an opportunity for thousands to enjoy the artistic talents of young artists from every Congressional district. The artwork will be on display for one year and will then be returned to the student.

I would like to invite the students of your high school to participate in *An Artistic Discovery* this year. This is a unique opportunity to showcase the creativity of Montana's students.

Due to the generosity of Northwest Airlines and Holiday Inn Capitol, the first place entry winner will receive complimentary airfare and hotel accommodations so that he or she may attend the unveiling ceremony here in Washington D.C. Complimentary airfare will also be provided for an accompanying parent or guardian.

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Each student participating in the contest should mail their art to the address below:

Congressman Denny Rehberg 1201 Grand Avenue, Suite 1 Billings, MT 59102

The deadline for receiving an original entry is Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. The enclosed student release form must accompany the artwork or be faxed in advance to my Billings office at (406) 256-4934. This ensures the winning student's artwork will be included in the unveiling ceremony in Washington, D.C. An Avery label must also be affixed to the art piece. Please see the enclosed rules for further details about the competition.

I look forward to seeing your students' artwork in this competition and working with you to provide a tribute to the creativity of our nation's students. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Bond in my Billings office at 1-888-232-2626 or 406-256-1019.

Sincerely,

Denny Rehberg

Montana's Congressman

Enclosures: Guidelines, Student Release Form, Confirmation Form

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